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**From:** Carothers, Matt (CCI-Atlanta) <Matt.Carothers@cox.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 4:34 PM  
**To:** Zabek, Jason (CCI-Atlanta); Sikes, Joseph (CCI-Atlanta)  
**Subject:** RE: DMCA complaint spike?

Sorry to be Paranoid Panda here, but please stop sending out emails saying F the law or F some company. If we get sued, those emails are discoverable and would not look good in court.

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Matt Carothers  
Cox Communications  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sikes, Joseph (CCI-Atlanta) [Joseph.Sikes@cox.com]  
**Received:** Wednesday, 19 Feb 2014, 1:28PM  
**To:** Carothers, Matt (CCI-Atlanta) [Matt.Carothers@cox.com]; Zabek, Jason (CCI-Atlanta) [Jason.Zabek@cox.com]; Sara.Roper@CenturyLink.com [Sara.Roper@CenturyLink.com]; David.Dee@CenturyLink.com [David.Dee@CenturyLink.com]; Beck, Brent (CCI-Atlanta) [Brent.Beck@cox.com]  
**Subject:** RE: DMCA complaint spike?

So, we actually do not accept ANY complaints from [dmca@digitalrightscorp.com](mailto:dmca@digitalrightscorp.com) and have blacklisted them from sending to [abuse@cox.net](mailto:abuse@cox.net). Our Legal Dept deemed their "blackmail-styled" complaints as "not being in the spirit of the DMCA". And because of this, they no longer send to us. So, yeah, F the DRC!

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**From:** Carothers, Matt (CCI-Atlanta)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 4:13 PM  
**To:** Zabek, Jason (CCI-Atlanta); Sara.Roper@CenturyLink.com; Sikes, Joseph (CCI-Atlanta); David.Dee@CenturyLink.com; Beck, Brent (CCI-Atlanta)  
**Subject:** RE: DMCA complaint spike?

IIRC complainants get one auto response after they cross the limit and then all subsequent mail during the next 24 hour rolling window is silently deleted. Brent is that accurate?

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**EXHIBIT**

**From:** Dee, David [David.Dee@CenturyLink.com]  
**Received:** Wednesday, 19 Feb 2014, 12:08PM  
**To:** Zabek, Jason (CCI-Atlanta) [Jason.Zabek@cox.com]; Roper, Sara [Sara.Roper@CenturyLink.com]; Sikes, Joseph (CCI-Atlanta) [Joseph.Sikes@cox.com]  
**CC:** Carothers, Matt (CCI-Atlanta) [Matt.Carothers@cox.com]  
**Subject:** RE: DMCA complaint spike?

Nice! I will defer the political response to Sara!

Thanks!

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**From:** Zabek, Jason (CCI-Atlanta) [mailto:Jason.Zabek@cox.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 13:05  
**To:** Dee, David; Roper, Sara; Sikes, Joseph (CCI-Atlanta)  
**Cc:** Carothers, Matt (CCI-Atlanta)  
**Subject:** RE: DMCA complaint spike?

F the dmca!!! Ya, we told each copyright holder to limit them or give us money to hire people. ☺

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**Jason Zabek**  
**Manager, Customer Safety**  
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*(Insert benign saying here)*

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**From:** Dee, David [mailto:David.Dee@CenturyLink.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 2:48 PM  
**To:** Roper, Sara; Sikes, Joseph (CCI-Atlanta)  
**Cc:** Carothers, Matt (CCI-Atlanta); Zabek, Jason (CCI-Atlanta)  
**Subject:** RE: DMCA complaint spike?

WOW, you're limiting each complainant email address to 200/day? Can we do that, Sara!?!? Can you imagine what I could do with the freed-up computing and storage resources!?

Joe, can I ask what you do with the complaints above 200-per-complainant that come in each day? Do you SMTP Reject them somehow, or route to /dev/null, or capture-but-not-process??

Our #'s from Digital RightsCorp for the past few days are (as of 1945Z today):

dtg	complainant	count
2014-02-14 00:00:00	dmca@digitalrightscorp.com	27037
2014-02-15 00:00:00	dmca@digitalrightscorp.com	17035
2014-02-16 00:00:00	dmca@digitalrightscorp.com	14485
2014-02-17 00:00:00	dmca@digitalrightscorp.com	6893
2014-02-18 00:00:00	dmca@digitalrightscorp.com	50670
2014-02-19 00:00:00	dmca@digitalrightscorp.com	38326 (82% of the day so far)

(6 rows)

- David

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**From:** Roper, Sara  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 12:41

**To:** Sikes, Joseph (CCI-Atlanta)  
**Cc:** Carothers, Matt (CCI-Atlanta); Zabek, Jason (CCI-Atlanta); Dee, David  
**Subject:** Re: DMCA complaint spike?

David, can you answer Joe's question?

Sent from my phone. Please excuse errors and brevity.

On Feb 19, 2014, at 11:23 AM, "Sikes, Joseph (CCI-Atlanta)" <[Joseph.Sikes@cox.com](mailto:Joseph.Sikes@cox.com)> wrote:

Hey Sarah,

What email address are they sending them from?

We are limiting each DMCA complainant by email address to 200/day.

- Joe Sikes  
via mobile  
404-964-6006

On Feb 19, 2014, at 2:11 PM, "Carothers, Matt (CCI-Atlanta)" <[Matt.Carothers@cox.com](mailto:Matt.Carothers@cox.com)> wrote:

Hey guys, Sara was wondering if we've seen a complaint spike from a DMCA monitor called Digital Rights Corp (Sara, is that correct?) and if so, what we've done with the complaints. Can you share our current rate limits with her?

- Matt